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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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To: Editors, News Directors, and Assignment Editors

Synopsis: Corps of Engineers is performing routine maintenance of gates at Keystone Dam which will cause the lake's level to be drawn down approximately 5 feet.

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## **Corps of Engineers draws down Keystone Lake's level to perform routine maintenance on the dam's flood gates**

TULSA, Okla. -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is drawing down the lake level at Keystone Lake to perform maintenance and structural repairs on the flood release gates at the dam, Corps officials announced today.

The Corps began releasing water at Keystone Dam on Friday and will continue making releases until Sept. 22, to reach a lake level of elevation 718.5, or about 5 feet below normal. Releases will be made through the turbines for the production of hydropower electricity for local use.

Boaters, personal water craft operators, and other lake users should be aware that with the lower lake level, formerly submerged hazards could be a problem. The Corps urges extreme caution when boating at the lake during the draw down period.

Repairs and maintenance on the gates will take about 2 - 3 weeks of good weather to complete. The Corps chose to draw down the lake and do this work in September so that winter rainfall will bring the lake back up to its normal elevation as soon as possible after the work is completed.

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